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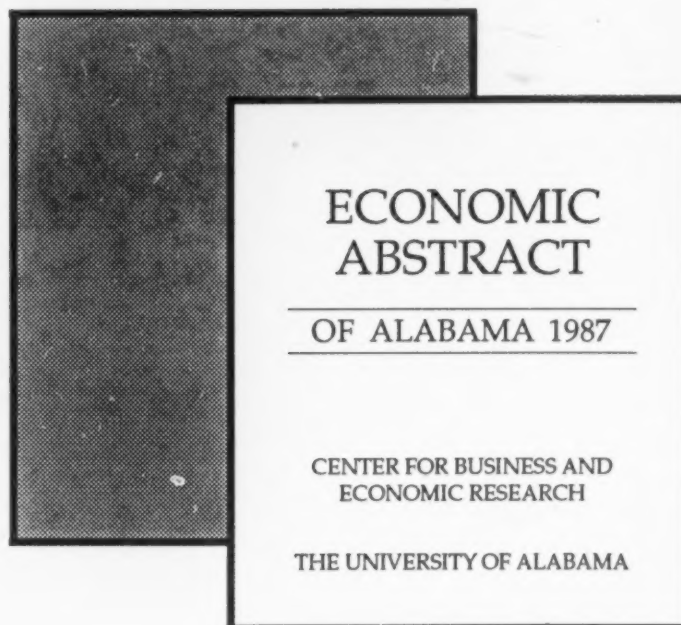
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TOURISM IN ALABAMA'S BLACK BELT

Gil Gilder

The Black Belt, a continuous low valley across Central Alabama, has a rich soil and was historically the cotton belt of Alabama. The western part, also known as the "cane-break," is the subject of this article.

This region is one of a handful of identifiable geographic areas of Southern heritage and culture. The River Road on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and the Carolina Low Country between Savannah and Charleston are also such areas. The Smokey Mountains are an identifiable area of Appalachian heritage in the same sense.

The Alabama Black Belt was the South of "Gone With The Wind" as much as any area in the southeast and because of this identification it has great potential as a tourist area.

The assets of the Black Belt are:

- Southern Heritage

- Antebellum homes and mansions
- Antebellum public and civic buildings including parts of some towns and in other places entire towns
- A reservoir of people (for now) who remember old crafts, customs and ways

- A lovely countryside which includes hills, forests, pastures, fields, fence rows, swamps, rivers, and lakes
- A mild climate which permits outdoor activity most of the year

- Recreation opportunities

- Hunting deer, turkey, quail, or raccoon
- Fishing for bass, or catfish
- Boating, floating
- Horseback, or buggy riding

There are, of course, some specific deficits in the region, principally a lack of lodging and dining facilities and the distance to major population centers. However, the greatest overall drawback is the fact that none of the assets alone is of sufficient magnitude to fuel a tourism industry. No one mansion, no one lake is a big enough draw by itself.

What must be developed is a means to combine these assets into one

package and to present (recreate) the experience of being in the "Old South," particularly the "Old Rural South." This goes far beyond walking through a furnished but otherwise empty antebellum mansion.

Williamsburg, the premier recreation of the past in the U.S., augments its buildings with craftsmen, costumed guides, pageants, gardens, period cuisine, etc. In a like manner the entire Black Belt or a portion of it might be viewed as an immense Williamsburg.

By restoring certain buildings or parts of towns, reviving working crafts and plantations, acquiring easements for horse and buggy roads, and judiciously planning bus routes, an area could be created in which a visitor could experience being in the Old South.

ALABAMA'S BLACK BELT



Square Miles 10,022

1988 Total Population 501,260

Percent White 48%

Percent Nonwhite 52%

1985 Per Capita Income

County Range .. \$4,646 to \$9,757

Major Industry Manufacturing

The best way to develop the tourism industry in the Black Belt might be through private initiative, starting on a relatively small scale and using established tour groups.

The first step would be to ascertain whether there are tours passing near the Black Belt presently or if tours could be arranged on the condition that certain amenities in lodging, dining, and entertainment be provided.

A minimum for a half day overnight stop would entail: lodging in a restored hotel or home or an inn built in an authentic manner; a restaurant serving good regional cooking; a nearby plantation and/or antebellum mansion to visit in the afternoon or evening, serving refreshments and preferably reached by buggy. There would be some period entertainment at night.

Initial expectations might be for handling 35 to 45 persons a night and employing relatively few resources. As the feasibility and profitability of entertaining tours becomes evident, some means of coordinating the activities of the various persons interested in Black Belt tourism should be put in place--perhaps an incorporated association which would include both the private sector (businessmen, land owners) and the local governments.

The focus of this organization would be to plan for the overall development of tourism in the entire area and to maintain a high quality in the facilities and activities developed. As more dining and lodging places, restored homes and buildings, and period activities are added, the length of stay can be extended to two or three nights. Eventually the Black Belt will become a final destination and not a stop along the way. □

Gil Gilder is a state planner at the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

CPI CHANGES

Beginning with this issue of **Alabama Business**, the Consumer Price Index and the Producer Price Index have been changed to new reference base years.

The CPI will now use expenditure weights based on three years

(1982-84 = 100) of the Consumer Expenditure Survey. The PPI has been rebased to 1982 = 100.

For further information on rebased historical indexes or rebasing factors, contact the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (404) 347-4418. □

FOREIGN TRADE SERIES CHANGES

For many years **Alabama Business** has been publishing data about foreign trade through the Port of Mobile. This issue begins a new series, and the old series is being dropped.

The new series reports foreign trade for all customs districts within Alabama. Please notice that this series does *not* answer the question, "How much exporting and importing is done by Alabama businesses?" Any business from out of state could choose to use a customs district within Alabama. Likewise, an Alabama firm could choose a port in a neighboring state through which to conduct its import or export transactions.

The new series reports exports on F.A.S. value basis. This is the value (free alongside ship) at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price. The transaction price includes freight, insurance, and other

charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the site of export. That is, F.A.S. value includes the costs to get the product to the ship (producing it and transporting it to the ship) but does *not* include the costs of the ocean (or air) transportation.

The new series reports imports on C.I.F. value. C.I.F. value is customs value, insurance, freight, and other charges, excluding duties. That is, C.I.F. value *does* include the cost of the ocean voyage.

Note that C.I.F. value and customs import value are different. The customs import value is the price actually paid or payable for merchandise when sold for exportation to the United States. This price would not include duties, freight, and other charges.

Foreign trade deficits are calculated according to F.A.S. and C.I.F. values. □

RETAIL TRADE SERIES RESUMES

After an absence of one year the Alabama Retail Trade Series reappears in this issue of **Alabama Business**. The May 1987 issue contained annual and monthly data for the year 1986. This issue contains annual and monthly data for 1987 and revised figures for 1986.

Users should note that sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Therefore, each issue will show revised data for each county. □

FOCUS ON GENEVA COUNTY



Jeffrey Hollingshead

Geneva County was created by the Alabama Legislature on December 26, 1868 from parts of Dale, Henry, and Coffee Counties. The county is located in extreme southeast Alabama and has an area of approximately 640 square miles. The incorporated places in the county are Geneva with a population of 4,740, Hartford 2,640, Samson 2,250, Slocomb 2,310, Malvern 650, Coffee Springs 340, Eunola 170, and Black with a population of 150.

Geneva, the county seat, was founded around 1830 by Henry Yonge and his half brother Walter Yonge. It was named by Henry Yonge's wife, whose hometown was Geneva, New York. The county was later named for the city.

Geneva County's population numbers 24,916 with 21,566 white and the balance nonwhite, according to 1988 UA/CBER projections. This shows a 2.7 percent increase from the 1980 Census. Demographics for the county show that 23.6 percent of the population is below the working age of 16, as defined by the Bureau of the Census, with 60 percent of working age. This leaves 16.4 percent of the population beyond retirement age. These figures approximate the state average.

GENEVA COUNTY

1988 Population	24,916
County Seat	Geneva
1985 Per Capita Income	\$7,972
1988 Nonwhite Population	13.4%
1985 Household Income	\$12,843
1980 Major Industry	Manufacturing
1987 Unemployment Rate	6.2%

Slightly more than half of the population is female as of 1980. Of those 25 years and older, 46 percent are high school graduates. Though below the state average, this shows a tremendous increase from 32 percent in 1970, with continued increases expected.

Another recent Census Bureau report shows Geneva County per capita income at \$7,972 and household income at \$21,843, both numbers just slightly below the state average. The state's and the county's unemployment rates have been decreasing since 1982, with the county having the lower rate for the most part.

A breakdown of employed persons 16 and over by industry shows a full one-third employed in the manufacturing industry. Retail trade, as well as professional services, each employ an additional 12 percent of the work force.

The majority of the companies in the county are manufacturers of apparel and other nondurable goods. Clinton Mills of Geneva, Inc. operates two plants in Geneva with a combined employment of about 600 people. Van Heusen Co., Inc. also operates two plants, one in Geneva and one in Hartford, with a combined employment of about 900 people. Other large employers in the apparel industry are Covington Industries and Dale Sportswear.

Reliable Metal Products, Inc. is a manufacturer of tools, dies, and solar collectors with an employment of about 250. Fleming Foods, a wholesaler, located in Geneva, employs about 600 people. Other products manufactured in Geneva County are concrete, aluminum products, plastic pipe, animal feeds, fertilizers, and custom trailers.

Agriculture, once the major characteristic of Geneva County, still plays an important role in the local economy. The value of agricultural products sold in Geneva County in 1982 was over \$44 million dollars. Major agricultural products are peanuts, cattle, hogs, broilers, vegetables, corn, soybeans and milo.

Geneva County is serviced by three newspapers: the Geneva County Reaper, the News-Herald, and the Samson Ledger. Geneva is also the location of WGEA radio.

The closest institutions of higher learning are Wallace State Community College in Dothan and Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise, both less than 30 miles from Geneva.

Montgomery is about 120 miles to the north and Mobile 150 miles to the west. The county has 153 miles of state and federal highways. The nearest airport is the Dothan-Houston County Municipal Airport.

The county offers many recreational opportunities. The Covington Wildlife Management area and other forest lands offer opportunities for quail, wild turkey and other game. Two major rivers, the Choc-tawhatchee and the Pea, flow through the county and there are several lakes.

Geneva County's leaders face the difficult task of continuing economic development while maintaining the natural environment so long a characteristic of this county. □

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MEDIAN INCOME FOR 4-PERSON FAMILIES BY STATE, 1982-86

STATE	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
United States	\$27,619	\$29,184	\$31,097	\$32,777	\$34,716
Alabama	\$24,181	\$25,117	\$26,595	\$28,407	\$29,799
Alaska	\$31,823	\$38,238	\$44,017	\$42,897	\$41,292
Arizona	\$29,835	\$27,551	\$29,431	\$32,129	\$33,477
Arkansas	\$20,710	\$21,524	\$23,075	\$26,255	\$27,157
California	\$29,885	\$31,967	\$33,711	\$36,223	\$37,655
Colorado	\$30,663	\$32,294	\$34,154	\$35,214	\$36,026
Connecticut	\$35,361	\$37,703	\$39,070	\$40,677	\$44,330
Delaware	\$30,498	\$31,676	\$33,809	\$34,104	\$35,766
District of Columbia	\$26,897	\$28,701	\$31,104	\$32,610	\$35,424
Florida	\$25,745	\$25,455	\$28,858	\$31,364	\$33,368
Georgia	\$26,935	\$27,463	\$29,623	\$31,907	\$34,602
Hawaii	\$30,019	\$31,614	\$33,445	\$34,636	\$36,618
Idaho	\$23,529	\$24,009	\$25,499	\$27,383	\$27,075
Illinois	\$29,758	\$30,736	\$33,126	\$34,374	\$36,163
Indiana	\$26,123	\$26,924	\$30,302	\$31,369	\$32,026
Iowa	\$26,129	\$25,800	\$28,650	\$29,425	\$30,556
Kansas	\$23,956	\$27,569	\$30,330	\$31,114	\$32,512
Kentucky	\$23,732	\$24,096	\$25,815	\$27,307	\$28,464
Louisiana	\$27,165	\$27,953	\$28,430	\$29,910	\$29,614
Maine	\$23,036	\$24,178	\$26,237	\$28,537	\$31,297
Maryland	\$32,456	\$35,475	\$38,132	\$40,055	\$42,250
Massachusetts	\$30,327	\$33,990	\$36,731	\$39,079	\$42,295
Michigan	\$28,125	\$29,472	\$32,365	\$33,908	\$36,088
Minnesota	\$28,666	\$30,785	\$33,807	\$34,376	\$36,746
Mississippi	\$22,247	\$21,957	\$23,660	\$25,716	\$26,763
Missouri	\$26,035	\$27,789	\$30,050	\$31,414	\$33,149
Montana	\$24,965	\$25,278	\$26,072	\$27,999	\$29,190
Nebraska	\$25,372	\$26,100	\$28,752	\$30,655	\$31,484
Nevada	\$28,411	\$34,504	\$31,059	\$32,314	\$33,604
New Hampshire	\$28,810	\$30,414	\$33,255	\$35,702	\$39,503
New Jersey	\$32,781	\$36,448	\$39,096	\$40,800	\$44,591
New Mexico	\$23,642	\$23,906	\$25,468	\$27,127	\$27,474
New York	\$28,730	\$30,539	\$32,665	\$34,478	\$36,796
North Carolina	\$24,085	\$25,363	\$27,995	\$30,290	\$31,787
North Dakota	\$26,361	\$26,327	\$28,901	\$28,993	\$29,424
Ohio	\$27,100	\$28,305	\$30,779	\$33,478	\$34,038
Oklahoma	\$27,461	\$27,169	\$28,856	\$29,050	\$29,071
Oregon	\$25,988	\$26,404	\$28,633	\$30,741	\$31,392
Pennsylvania	\$27,209	\$28,274	\$29,573	\$32,265	\$32,700
Rhode Island	\$28,170	\$29,167	\$32,066	\$34,154	\$35,837
South Carolina	\$23,490	\$25,756	\$27,810	\$29,417	\$31,025
South Dakota	\$22,009	\$23,998	\$25,391	\$26,153	\$27,008
Tennessee	\$23,875	\$24,081	\$26,603	\$27,917	\$29,568
Texas	\$28,581	\$29,290	\$31,031	\$32,189	\$32,442
Utah	\$25,877	\$25,678	\$27,497	\$29,634	\$30,635
Vermont	\$23,797	\$25,441	\$26,645	\$30,019	\$32,490
Virginia	\$28,528	\$31,451	\$33,480	\$35,353	\$37,885
Washington	\$29,972	\$30,185	\$31,585	\$32,791	\$35,071
West Virginia	\$22,425	\$22,153	\$25,316	\$26,170	\$27,094
Wisconsin	\$27,873	\$28,979	\$30,622	\$32,007	\$33,739
Wyoming	\$29,582	\$28,480	\$29,752	\$30,741	\$28,742

Source: Developed by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services. For further information contact Dan Burkhead in the Population Division at (301) 763-5060. □

NEWS BRIEFS

Voting Age Population

Alabama's voting age population is expected to total 3,010,000 by November 1, 1988, according to Census Bureau projections. This figure shows an increase of 4.7 percent since 1984 and 7.0 percent since 1980.

The nation's voting age population is expected to reach 183 million by November, up more than eight million from November 1984.

In Alabama, voting age population growth continues to be concentrated among persons aged 25 to 44, who were born at the height of the baby boom. This age group will have increased by 16.2 percent since 1982 and should total some 1.3 million by November. Their share of the voting age population will have grown to 42.4 percent, up from 39.1 percent in 1980.

The voting age population aged 65 and over in Alabama will have grown by 11 percent since 1982, increasing their numbers to 516,000 and their share from 16.5 percent to 17.1 percent of the total. Those aged 45 to 64 in Alabama will have grown by only 20,000, their share dropping from 26.5 percent to 25.2 percent.

The number of persons aged 18 to 24 will have declined by more than 50,000 since 1982 and will comprise only 15.0 percent of the voting age population in Alabama this November, down from 17.9 percent.

Alabama's voting age population is 53 percent female and 75.6 percent white with a median age of 40.6 years.

Comparatively, the U.S. voting age population is 52.2 percent female and 78.6 percent white with a median age of 40.5 years.

For more information see *Projections of the Population of Voting Age, for States: November 1988*. Series P-25, No. 1019, available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, or from a government documents depository library. □

Average Annual Pay, 1986

The average annual pay of workers in Alabama covered by State and Federal Unemployment Insurance was \$17,638 in 1986, a 3.6 percent increase over 1985, according to preliminary data recently released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Nationwide, the U.S. average annual pay was \$19,966. Alaska had the highest of any state at \$28,442. The District of Columbia was next with \$27,137, followed by New York

(\$23,200). South Dakota had the lowest average annual pay level (\$14,477), followed by Mississippi (\$15,420) and North Dakota (\$15,778). Alabama ranked 26th among the states.

Average annual pay in Alabama varied widely by industry. Workers in the mining industry, which includes oil and gas extraction, earned the highest pay (\$31,756). The transportation, communications, and public utilities sector was next (\$24,368), followed by wholesale trade (\$20,897), finance, insurance, and real estate (\$19,835), manufacturing (\$19,798), and government (\$19,282).

The largest percentage gain in Alabama occurred in the service industry where average annual pay rose to \$15,975, a 6.1 percent increase over 1985. Construction showed the smallest gain as it rose 1.4 percent to \$17,450. □

Poverty Thresholds In 1987

(Preliminary Estimate)

Size of Family Unit

Estimated Threshold

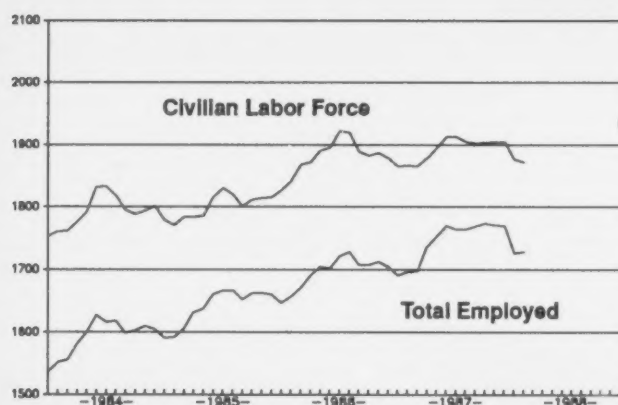
1 person (Unrelated individual)	\$ 5,776
Under 65 years	5,909
65 years and over	5,447
2 persons	\$ 7,399
Householder under 65 years	7,641
Householder 65 years and over	6,872
3 persons	\$ 9,056
4 persons	11,612
5 persons	13,743
6 persons	15,534
7 persons	17,672
8 persons	19,478
9 persons or more	23,319

Note: These estimates may differ by a few dollars from the thresholds that will be published in the advance report on the 1987 poverty population which are scheduled to be published later this year.

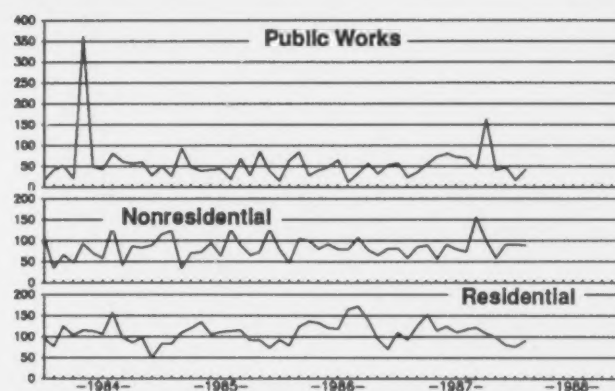
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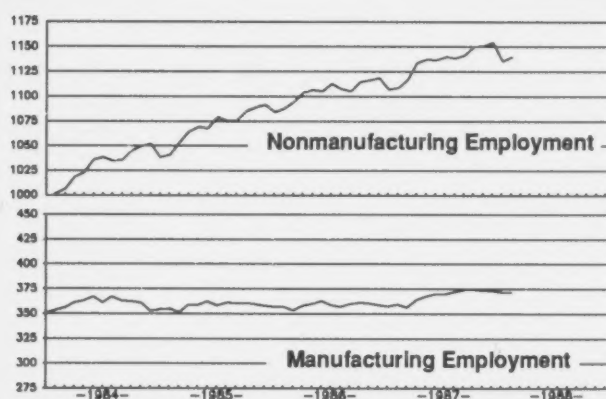
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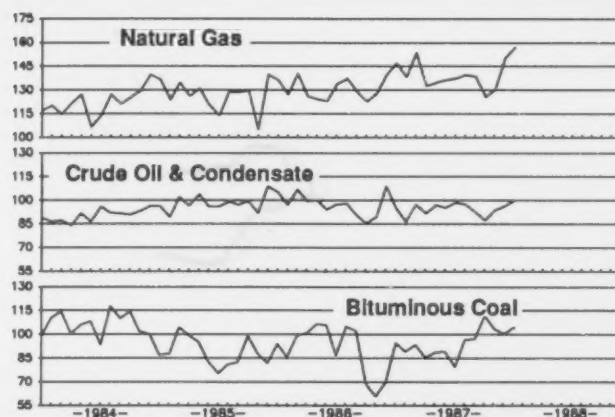
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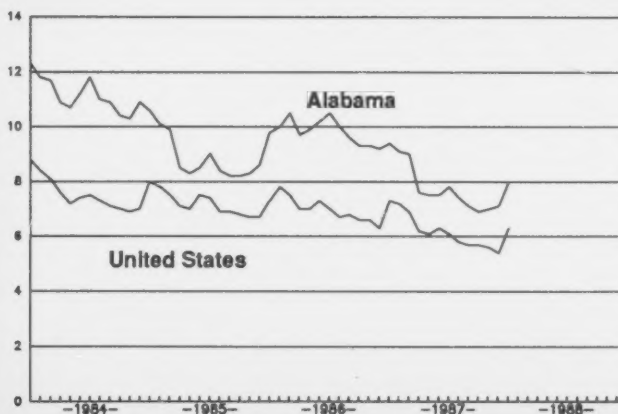
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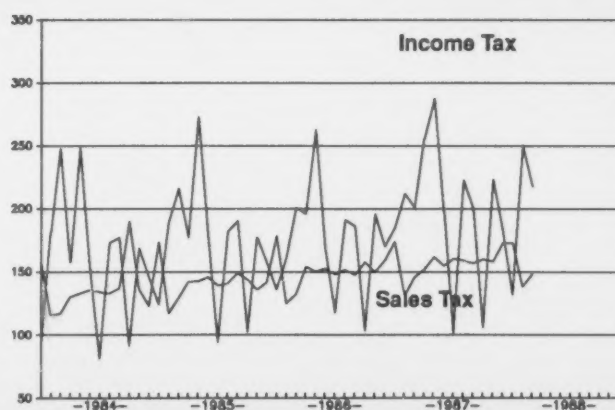
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDICES



STATE AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT



INDEX OF STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS



GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1987												1988
	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production ¹ (1,000 net tons)	23,895	24,870	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460	2,281	2,213	2,304
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	146,936	155,990	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777	12,239	14,067	14,686
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	419,377	483,311	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,680	42,900	40,803	40,020	37,821
Crude oil and condensate production ² (1,000 barrels)	21,399	20,621	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595	1,712	1,759	1,827
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,314	24,675	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152	2,098	2,020	2,059
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,485	6,904	590	531	582	573	579	577	593	578	563	583	548	606	623
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ³ (\$1,000)	2,984,600	3,147,400	248,700	171,300	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800	198,600	218,500	183,400
Residential	1,453,200	1,364,900	110,400	93,500	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500	99,000	80,900	76,500
Nonresidential	995,300	1,021,700	81,700	58,200	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400	59,400	90,200	90,100
Public works and utilities	536,100	764,900	56,600	23,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800	40,200	47,400	16,700
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,334	1,401	85	86	110	131	126	127	135	119	122	138	115	107	76
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax (\$1,000)															
Total	2,846,837	3,052,983	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201	257,762	237,053	243,813
Franchise	75,088	85,027	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671	611	1,591	808
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,667	213,006	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949	18,832	17,416	19,487
Income	1,099,406	1,249,376	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799	117,421	95,930	69,466
Motor fuels	53,604	56,856	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043	6,566	4,784	5,070
Oil/gas privilege	42,775	35,150	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539	2,675	3,343	2,666
Oil/gas production	11,859	9,962	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996	772	958	777
Sales	775,708	810,128	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763	67,923	74,278	74,133
2 1/2% gross receipts	56,147	57,351	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576	89	39	14,521
TVA electric	45,346	47,383	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365	4,220	4,220	4,220
Tobacco	73,282	72,605	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805	5,847	6,426	5,958
Use	84,390	88,397	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501	1,242	950	21,618
Utility	160,233	165,984	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343	12,528	13,220	15,721
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1982-84 = 100)															
All items	109.6	113.6	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	115.7
Percent change	1.1	4.3	6	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	5	3	1	0	3
Food	108.9	113.5	112.1	112.5	112.5	112.8	113.3	113.8	113.7	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	114.7	115.7
Housing	110.8	114.2	112.0	112.4	112.8	113.2	113.6	114.3	114.7	115.4	115.6	115.5	115.5	115.6	116.2
Fuel and utilities	104.1	103.0	101.1	101.4	101.5	101.3	102.2	104.9	105.0	105.9	105.5	103.2	102.4	102.0	102.4
Apparel and upkeep	105.9	110.6	105.6	106.2	109.7	111.5	111.1	109.3	107.3	109.4	113.3	115.4	115.4	112.7	110.4
Transportation	102.3	105.4	102.6	103.1	103.3	104.2	104.7	105.4	106.0	106.5	106.6	107.1	107.8	107.6	107.1
Medical care	122.0	130.1	126.6	127.4	128.1	128.7	129.2	129.9	130.7	131.2	131.7	132.3	132.8	133.1	134.1
Energy	88.2	88.6	83.9	85.6	85.8	86.4	87.4	90.7	91.1	92.7	92.3	89.8	89.0	88.3	87.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)															
All commodities	100.2	102.8	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.9	102.6	103.0	103.5	103.8	103.7	104.1	104.2	104.1	104.5
Industrial commodities	100.0	102.6	100.4	100.8	101.1	101.6	101.9	102.4	103.1	103.7	103.5	104.0	104.2	104.1	104.3
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. As measured by															
Consumer prices (1982-84 = \$1,000)	.912	.880	.899	.896	.892	.887	.884	.881	.879	.874	.870	.867	.867	.867	.864
Wholesale prices (1982 = \$1,000)	.998	.973	.995	.990	.988	.981	.975	.971	.966	.963	.964	.961	.960	.961	.957
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT ¹															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,881.0	1,893.0	1,865.5	1,866.1	1,865.1	1,878.9	1,894.0	1,912.6	1,913.0	1,904.9	1,903.0	1,903.6	1,904.8	1,904.7	1,877.0
Unemployment	185.0	147.0	174.8	170.1	167.6	142.7	141.6	142.8	148.7	141.2	134.6	130.6	133.9	135.5	150.6
Unemployment rate	9.8	7.8	9.4	9.1	9.0	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.1	8.0
Employment	1,696.0	1,746.0	1,690.7	1,696.0	1,697.5	1,736.2	1,752.4	1,769.8	1,764.3	1,763.7	1,768.4	1,773.0	1,770.9	1,769.2	1,726.4
Nonagricultural	1,463.3	1,502.2	1,464.6	1,467.9	1,473.2	1,497.6	1,504.8	1,506.6	1,509.9	1,510.3	1,515.4	1,524.3	1,524.0	1,527.9	1,507.1
Manufacturing	358.6	367.6	357.6	359.2	356.1	363.7	367.3	369.7	369.9	371.9	374.2	374.3	373.4	370.4	371.4
Durable goods	174.0	177.3	171.3	172.4	173.0	175.8	177.5	178.3	177.9	179.9	180.5	180.7	180.1	180.6	179.2
Lumber and wood products	28.6	29.7	28.3	28.5	28.9	29.5	29.7	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.0	30.0	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6
Primary metals	25.3	25.7	24.1	24.3	25.0	25.9	26.0	26.3	25.4	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.6
Fabricated metals	22.5	22.0	22.0	21.9	21.8	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.6	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	20.3	21.6	20.4	20.6	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.5	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.3	22.7	22.5
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.2	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.3	22.0	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.2	22.7	23.1	22.9
Transportation	27.5	28.0	27.6	27.9	28.3	28.2	28.6	27.9	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.9	28.0	27.5	27.8
Other durable goods	17.9	18.1	17.3	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.3
Non-durable goods	184.6	190.2	186.3	186.8	183.1	187.9	189.8	191.4	192.0	192.0	193.7	193.6	193.3	192.8	192.2
Food	29.9	31.0	29.9	29.8	29.8	29.7	30.5	31.2	31.7	31.5	31.8	31.9	31.9	31.7	31.3
Textile mill products	37.4	38.7	37.9	38.1	37.8	38.3	38.5	38.0	38.7	39.0	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.2
Apparel	54.3	56.1	54.7	55.0	51.4	56.2	56.2	56.7	56.7	57.1	57.9	57.5	57.1	56.3	56.4
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.7	21.2	21.2	21.1	20.3	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.5	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.5
Printing and publishing	12.3	12.8	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.2
Chemicals and allied products	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	11.0	10.8
Rubber products	16.6	17.6	16.7	16.8	17.0	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.5
Other non-durable goods	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,104.7	1,134.7	1,107.0	1,108.7	1,117.1	1,133.9	1,137.5	1,136.9	1,140.0	1,138.4	1,141.2	1,150.0	1,150.6	1,154.5	1,135.7
Mining and quarrying	12.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5
Bituminous coal mining	8.4	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9							

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	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	242,053	224,282	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	19,110	14,497	13,693	
Nonagricultural placements	91,768	96,391	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	8,403	6,242	6,045	
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	425,763	349,204	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	20,349	21,512	33,724	
Payments (\$1,000)	186,826	165,953	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	12,029	9,542	13,526	
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15,694	16,008	15,870	15,960	15,770	15,890	16,160	16,190	16,040	16,050	16,130	16,080	16,010	15,940	15,770
	7.9	7.2	8.9	9.6	8.6	8.1	8.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.6	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.6
Baldwin	38,264	38,497	38,370	38,040	39,520	37,990	38,280	38,340	38,320	38,240	38,730	38,600	38,650	38,880	39,450
	8.9	8.1	10.1	9.5	12.6	7.7	7.2	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.9	7.2	7.6	8.8	8.8
Barbour	11,903	11,963	11,890	11,930	11,850	11,830	11,920	12,050	11,820	11,850	12,040	12,180	12,190	12,010	11,370
	9.5	8.1	9.0	10.4	9.4	9.0	7.9	8.6	7.7	7.2	7.6	7.2	7.1	6.5	7.9
Bibb	7,273	7,261	7,280	7,220	7,120	7,090	7,220	7,280	7,370	7,360	7,380	7,370	7,260	7,180	7,210
	13.3	11.6	16.8	14.7	13.4	10.8	10.9	9.2	10.2	9.4	10.7	9.5	10.4	12.9	14.0
Blount	16,682	16,989	16,840	16,680	17,070	16,980	17,040	17,110	16,890	17,020	17,120	17,000	16,940	17,180	17,820
	9.0	7.8	10.6	9.8	11.0	9.1	8.3	7.5	6.3	6.6	6.4	5.5	5.6	6.9	9.1
Bullock	3,971	3,947	3,840	3,770	3,750	3,800	3,870	3,960	4,020	4,070	4,070	4,150	4,050	4,010	3,780
	17.3	14.3	17.6	15.7	14.1	12.7	11.7	14.2	15.9	15.2	12.9	13.0	13.9	15.2	15.4
Butler	9,382	9,695	9,610	9,630	9,650	9,430	9,640	9,810	9,780	9,730	9,780	9,830	9,730	9,720	9,260
	11.7	10.9	11.8	14.0	13.5	9.3	10.2	10.4	12.2	11.8	10.6	9.2	8.8	8.7	9.9
Calhoun	51,992	52,399	51,850	51,600	51,760	51,420	51,770	52,280	52,550	52,840	52,980	53,410	53,190	53,140	51,900
	8.6	8.1	10.5	10.2	11.2	8.7	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.5	8.0
Chambers	17,241	17,652	17,020	17,000	17,010	17,190	17,360	17,690	17,870	18,070	18,350	18,210	18,090	17,960	17,400
	8.6	6.1	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.7	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.9
Cherokee	7,768	8,103	7,770	7,780	7,860	8,040	8,140	8,240	8,130	8,160	8,330	8,470	8,310	8,000	7,950
	13.5	8.9	12.0	12.0	17.3	9.7	9.0	8.5	7.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.8	9.2
Chilton	15,723	15,812	15,580	15,630	15,560	15,350	15,780	15,810	15,800	15,830	16,090	16,260	16,180	15,870	15,360
	10.6	9.7	13.9	12.2	11.9	10.1	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.3	7.7	7.1	8.5	9.0	9.8
Choctaw	7,481	6,962	6,980	6,860	7,060	6,800	6,860	6,920	6,970	7,070	7,000	7,070	7,010	6,940	7,060
	14.9	10.3	14.6	13.1	18.7	10.5	9.3	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.6	8.0	8.8	9.0	9.8
Clarke	11,363	11,552	11,590	11,520	11,480	11,290	11,390	11,380	11,490	11,440	11,550	11,830	11,850	11,810	11,680
	11.4	11.5	11.9	11.8	17.8	10.1	9.7	9.5	9.3	9.6	10.0	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.5
Clay	6,358	6,240	6,220	6,130	6,260	6,120	6,150	6,030	6,160	6,160	6,240	6,550	6,450	6,410	6,250
	15.0	9.3	11.2	10.9	20.8	9.4	9.3	9.1	8.5	7.2	6.3	5.9	5.5	6.9	8.3
Cleburne	5,719	5,364	5,630	5,490	5,310	5,320	5,400	5,260	5,290	5,250	5,330	5,410	5,360	5,320	5,430
	8.8	7.6	7.8	8.1	12.4	7.9	7.5	7.2	7.7	6.6	5.9	6.7	6.3	6.7	8.6
Coffee	17,625	17,513	17,000	16,950	17,070	17,310	17,610	17,470	17,470	17,750	18,070	18,220	17,850	17,380	17,610
	8.8	6.8	9.4	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.2	5.9	5.7	6.7
Colbert	24,628	24,131	24,360	24,340	23,940	23,800	24,200	24,010	23,970	24,040	24,290	24,400	24,040	24,180	23,430
	13.9	10.6	15.1	14.6	12.7	10.8	10.8	9.8	9.6	9.2	8.8	8.6	8.2	9.3	11.1
Conecuh	6,458	6,093	6,360	6,390	6,610	6,140	6,200	6,010	5,970	5,880	5,890	5,940	5,890	5,830	5,700
	16.0	16.5	20.9	23.1	25.4	17.3	17.2	16.6	14.9	13.1	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.0	12.7
Coosa	4,760	4,863	4,860	4,810	4,750	4,780	4,850	4,820	4,870	4,880	4,910	4,960	4,960	4,900	4,960
	8.0	5.7	7.3	6.7	7.0	5.4	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.6	5.6	4.9	5.7
Covington	17,224	17,697	17,340	17,270	17,250	17,460	17,710	17,600	17,750	17,690	17,920	18,430	18,080	17,860	17,460
	10.7	7.7	10.5	10.2	9.4	8.0	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.3	7.4	7.4	8.4
Crenshaw	6,187	6,283	6,080	6,210	6,260	6,180	6,380	6,240	6,180	6,200	6,390	6,560	6,410	6,300	6,470
	9.0	10.1	9.7	14.8	18.0	9.0	9.3	8.6	9.2	8.6	7.2	8.2	8.6	9.5	8.7
Cullman	31,390	31,516	30,830	30,890	30,900	31,320	31,730	31,460	31,430	31,660	32,110	32,510	31,870	31,480	31,410
	9.4	8.1	9.9	10.2	9.5	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.0	6.7	6.8	7.4	8.8
Dale	16,753	17,186	16,560	16,810	16,730	16,800	16,990	16,980	17,210	17,380	17,670	17,920	17,730	17,450	18,020
	10.1	8.1	9.2	10.1	9.2	8.1	7.5	7.3	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.5	6.8	7.3
Dallas	23,022	21,873	22,060	21,750	21,590	22,120	22,240	22,230	22,230	22,000	22,090	21,910	21,240	21,020	20,570
	15.9	14.8	16.0	14.7	13.9	16.6	16.3	16.2	15.9	15.1	14.6	13.7	12.7	12.4	13.8
DeKalb	28,748	29,044	28,360	28,450	28,230	28,550	29,110	29,070	29,350	29,530	29,670	29,810	29,360	29,040	28,780
	10.0	8.2	10.9	11.3	11.0	8.6	7.9	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.0	6.4	7.0	8.3
Elmore	21,013	21,371	21,070	20,900	20,800	20,990	21,360	21,590	21,560	21,590	21,650	21,740	21,610	21,590	20,950
	6.9	6.0	7.2	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.3	6.3
Escambia	17,061	16,523	16,770	16,590	16,900	16,290	16,300	16,480	16,570	16,640	16,590	16,510	16,410	16,230	16,240
	11.5	11.0	13.8	13.7	17.2	11.2	10.4	10.1	9.4	9.4	8.8	9.2	8.9	9.4	10.4
Etowah	43,954	42,956	43,270	42,930	42,880	42,530	42,760	42,720	43,030	43,150	43,250	43,110	42,940	42,900	42,620
	13.0	9.6	12.8	13.1	13.0	10.2	9.8	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.8	9.4
Fayette	8,028	7,762	7,840	7,840	7,720	7,750	7,830	7,700	7,620	7,710	7,840	7,830	7,740	7,720	7,450
	13.8	10.8	12.1	12.9	12.6	11.6	11.4	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.1	8.9	8.9	10.7
Franklin	15,310	15,253	15,340	15,190	15,020	15,100	15,250	15,340	15,280	15,160	15,280	15,350	15,390	15,330	14,570
	13.6	10.4	14.6	1											

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	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Lee	38,124	37,097	37,040	37,050	36,830	37,000	37,540	36,740	36,650	36,680	36,990	37,780	37,780	37,080	38,110
	7.7	5.7	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.9	5.2
Limestone	29,806	29,759	29,720	29,230	29,200	29,370	29,870	29,280	29,370	29,670	30,430	30,680	30,550	29,740	29,900
	8.9	6.8	8.5	8.2	8.1	7.0	7.0	6.4	7.6	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.8	7.3
Lowndes	4,525	4,713	4,350	4,390	4,430	4,560	4,800	4,620	4,660	4,750	4,970	5,130	5,030	4,860	4,630
	15.8	20.1	17.9	17.5	16.7	16.6	23.6	24.7	23.7	22.3	21.0	20.3	18.5	17.8	19.7
Macon	10,693	10,708	10,480	10,430	10,430	10,480	10,700	10,790	10,930	10,930	10,900	10,880	10,810	10,730	10,390
	9.0	7.0	7.7	6.8	6.6	5.7	6.6	7.0	7.7	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.9	8.7
Madison	126,253	125,395	126,610	126,190	126,360	126,870	128,380	129,660	130,410	130,410	131,670	132,640	131,710	131,830	130,660
	7.2	5.4	7.0	6.9	6.6	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5	5.5
Marengo	10,045	9,878	9,800	9,730	10,080	9,800	9,940	9,840	9,780	9,830	9,950	10,060	9,920	9,810	9,590
	11.1	8.7	10.4	9.5	16.1	8.7	8.4	7.6	7.4	7.0	6.9	7.4	7.5	7.4	8.3
Marion	16,083	15,513	15,620	15,380	15,400	15,230	15,400	15,530	15,620	15,670	15,560	15,710	15,510	15,540	15,890
	14.3	11.3	16.9	15.7	17.1	10.9	10.1	9.8	10.8	9.2	7.9	7.9	8.4	10.5	14.0
Marshall	37,011	37,078	36,300	36,380	36,270	36,320	37,080	37,140	37,420	37,300	37,600	38,020	37,570	37,540	37,700
	11.8	8.3	10.7	10.8	10.2	8.5	8.1	7.8	7.4	6.8	6.5	6.8	7.3	8.3	9.9
Mobile	172,880	173,246	171,770	171,420	169,800	171,920	173,400	175,080	175,160	174,170	175,580	175,240	173,190	172,220	168,910
	11.1	10.0	11.5	11.5	10.3	10.0	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.1	9.2	10.1
Monroe	9,649	9,737	9,740	9,780	10,070	9,520	9,640	9,700	9,530	9,700	9,780	9,890	9,800	9,690	9,600
	13.3	12.2	14.3	14.5	28.1	10.8	11.7	11.2	9.0	9.3	8.2	9.3	9.6	10.0	11.0
Montgomery	97,695	99,330	97,510	97,280	96,980	97,570	99,450	100,300	100,220	100,350	100,270	101,040	100,700	100,290	99,350
	7.6	6.7	7.5	7.4	7.3	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.3
Morgan	45,825	46,497	45,390	45,360	45,840	45,700	46,640	46,680	47,360	47,160	46,950	47,160	46,970	46,750	46,580
	10.0	8.8	10.1	10.1	11.1	8.9	9.9	8.1	8.7	8.0	7.2	7.3	8.5	7.5	8.8
Perry	5,444	5,529	5,480	5,430	5,450	5,460	5,710	5,590	5,500	5,550	5,570	5,660	5,500	5,450	5,170
	12.9	12.2	19.0	12.5	12.7	9.7	10.4	9.9	10.2	10.1	13.3	9.8	10.9	17.6	16.0
Pickens	7,558	7,424	7,470	7,390	7,280	7,240	7,450	7,380	7,350	7,440	7,590	7,670	7,470	7,360	7,120
	14.7	11.4	15.6	15.0	15.1	11.6	11.6	11.1	10.5	10.6	9.0	8.7	8.6	9.4	12.4
Pike	12,612	12,753	12,630	12,650	12,650	12,640	12,880	12,870	12,530	12,540	13,070	13,230	13,070	12,270	12,440
	8.6	7.1	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.4	6.3
Randolph	9,424	9,440	9,440	9,410	9,470	9,390	9,420	9,320	9,100	9,340	9,450	9,730	9,620	9,590	9,640
	9.2	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.8	6.1	6.1	6.6	8.3	7.2	6.6	5.8	5.2	5.7	6.2
Russell	22,641	22,691	22,680	22,430	22,440	22,520	22,590	22,790	22,500	22,720	22,780	22,780	22,760	23,300	21,990
	9.6	7.5	9.7	8.9	8.3	8.1	7.5	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.8	9.0	6.6
St. Clair	20,610	20,810	20,440	20,380	20,590	20,630	20,870	20,950	20,820	20,850	20,980	21,080	21,050	21,080	21,390
	8.4	6.3	8.2	8.1	8.2	6.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.5	6.7
Shelby	37,153	37,820	37,010	37,010	37,080	37,250	37,810	38,330	38,110	38,040	38,320	38,350	38,240	38,290	39,800
	6.8	5.5	7.2	7.2	6.5	5.4	5.6	5.9	5.2	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.1
Sumter	6,243	5,784	5,830	5,810	5,810	5,710	5,740	5,660	5,730	5,760	5,890	6,040	5,820	5,610	5,730
	21.0	13.4	16.3	15.5	16.1	13.1	11.6	14.2	14.1	13.6	10.7	11.4	11.9	12.1	11.9
Talladega	32,143	32,425	32,110	32,160	32,290	32,040	32,330	32,710	32,590	32,490	32,580	32,810	32,580	32,410	31,970
	12.4	9.8	12.5	12.2	12.4	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.1	8.7	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.4	9.7
Tallapoosa	19,101	19,519	19,060	19,010	19,130	19,190	19,520	19,930	19,650	19,690	19,750	19,780	19,740	19,780	18,760
	8.0	6.6	7.5	7.1	7.8	6.8	7.6	6.7	6.4	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.4
Tuscaloosa	68,450	70,246	69,180	69,180	69,190	69,800	70,010	69,020	69,050	70,360	71,430	72,070	71,920	71,740	69,760
	7.7	6.2	7.6	7.5	7.4	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3	6.2
Walker	30,633	30,118	30,000	29,860	30,020	30,050	30,220	30,380	29,960	30,020	30,250	30,280	30,240	30,140	28,720
	15.2	11.0	14.1	13.7	13.4	12.0	11.5	10.8	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.5	9.1	11.0
Washington	5,594	5,298	5,490	5,430	5,650	5,160	5,200	5,130	5,080	5,070	5,250	5,420	5,360	5,340	5,870
	19.4	14.8	20.6	19.5	23.2	15.2	14.2	13.9	12.8	12.0	11.2	12.0	11.1	11.6	11.3
Wilcox	4,402	4,342	4,300	4,280	4,270	4,340	4,440	4,370	4,320	4,330	4,420	4,450	4,320	4,260	4,270
	16.8	13.5	14.8	14.4	13.5	13.8	14.3	13.6	14.0	14.8	13.5	12.3	11.2	11.4	12.9
Winston	10,288	9,915	10,080	9,910	9,830	9,710	9,810	9,870	9,890	10,040	9,990	10,170	9,870	9,810	9,950
	21.1	14.4	22.9	22.8	20.5	14.9	13.2	12.6	11.9	11.1	10.2	10.6	10.5	11.5	13.9
TRADE															
Foreign Imports, Total (C.I.F.)															
Value (\$1,000)		1,031,400	83,700	75,400	132,100	87,200	79,200	84,300	88,500	107,500	67,600	83,000	61,900	61,000	
Exports, Total (F.A.S.)															
Value (\$1,000)		1,849,400	138,100	144,400	177,700	146,900	120,800	167,000	149,200	149,700	156,500	163,600	177,900	157,600	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile ^a (1,000 tons)		38,701	29,363	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314	2,688	2,848
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)		26,789	28,038	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899	1,834	2,141
Gasoline sales ^a (1,000 gallons)		2,012,114	2,084,218	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105	172,130	177,631	164,809	183,724
New passenger car registrations (number)		159,481	140,070	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298	9,906	11,545
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals ^a (\$1,000,000)															
Food		3,953	4,088	336	314	330	347	353	353	364	346	345	337	316	346
General merchandise		2,739	2,830	175	174	223	243	236	225	217	224	215	238	275	386
Apparel		793	848	53	51	68	74	63	64	61	73	69	72	78	121
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		920	976	72	67	78	75	78	86	81	81	80	79	82	116
Automotive		3,960	3,971	247	282	341	361	354	372	375	387	350	319	276	308
Gasoline service stations		267	291	21	20	23	24	25	26	32	25	25	24	23	23
Lumber and building materials		1,518	1,681	106	104	140	156	150	156	157	152	148	150	130	131
Hardware and farm implements		218	227	15	14	18	20	21	18	20	20	20	21	19	21
Eating places		1,569	1,711	128	122	143	142	147	147	152	153	145	148	137	148
Drug stores		384	390	31	31	30	32	35	31	31	31	31	32	30	46
All other retail		1,925	2,056	154	148	159	165	164	162	159	160	167	174	181	264
Total sales by retail concerns		18,246	19,069	1,339	1,327	1,554	1,639	1,626	1,640	1,649	1,651	1,594	1,594	1,545	1,909
Nonretail & unclassified concerns		2,568	2,744	194	197	220	229	233	236	239	246	246	243	231	230
Total all sales at retail		20,814	21,812	1,533	1,525	1,774	1,868	1,859	1,876	1,888	1,897	1,840	1,837	1,776	2,139

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1987												1988
	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties* (\$1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	594,215	601,276	43,146	42,375	48,325	51,721	51,065	51,087	52,225	53,103	51,117	50,102	49,530	57,480	
Birmingham	5,671,260	5,803,110	414,935	417,987	475,358	488,686	491,675	498,748	501,637	514,819	490,464	475,322	471,775	561,704	
Dothan	686,890	692,345	49,667	50,033	57,729	60,428	58,782	60,350	60,906	60,037	57,026	56,633	54,180	66,574	
Florence	685,562	717,669	49,564	50,217	56,472	62,244	61,281	60,981	61,890	62,554	59,797	59,696	59,549	73,424	
Gadsden	497,223	523,144	36,745	36,165	42,851	44,438	44,008	45,128	46,678	45,274	43,283	44,891	42,330	51,353	
Huntsville	1,242,238	1,301,683	91,910	91,013	106,693	111,970	111,742	111,236	111,761	113,602	110,873	109,322	106,261	125,300	
Mobile	2,283,405	2,274,428	168,288	161,305	187,669	204,706	196,640	201,500	203,406	192,633	184,621	193,509	177,849	202,302	
Montgomery	1,645,712	1,713,387	117,415	126,633	145,013	150,274	146,411	149,315	148,329	144,212	142,768	139,997	133,774	169,226	
Tuscaloosa	717,147	727,725	54,906	51,593	58,799	62,300	61,341	60,214	61,877	65,504	62,613	63,694	56,461	68,423	
Counties															
Autauga	114,319	122,163	8,566	8,665	10,617	10,663	10,397	11,117	11,046	11,109	10,189	10,425	9,058	10,311	
Baldwin	368,427	368,385	25,616	25,396	31,253	33,290	34,251	34,905	37,619	33,284	28,894	29,751	25,882	28,244	
Barbour	82,125	84,707	6,142	5,821	6,878	7,480	7,006	7,221	7,211	7,044	6,933	7,084	7,601	8,286	
Bibb	49,910	51,618	3,393	3,650	4,436	4,411	4,620	4,489	4,391	4,542	4,016	4,390	4,393	4,887	
Blount	101,329	110,172	7,617	7,237	8,506	9,817	10,287	9,598	9,994	9,499	9,168	9,511	9,000	9,936	
Bullock	25,847	25,173	2,341	2,101	2,108	2,078	1,937	1,970	2,016	2,307	1,974	2,115	1,992	2,234	
Butler	63,879	62,911	5,260	4,424	5,175	5,688	5,154	5,395	5,554	5,447	4,950	5,608	4,677	5,579	
Calhoun	594,215	601,276	43,146	42,375	48,325	51,721	51,065	51,087	52,225	53,103	51,117	50,102	49,530	57,480	
Chambers	116,896	125,359	8,556	8,626	9,917	11,279	10,494	11,010	11,245	11,175	10,566	11,130	10,121	11,240	
Cherokee	50,392	51,116	3,641	3,502	4,191	4,714	4,476	4,546	4,515	4,115	4,857	4,089	3,984	4,486	
Chilton	117,577	122,500	8,311	8,669	10,861	10,758	10,949	11,048	10,078	10,707	9,776	10,119	10,039	11,185	
Choctaw	36,495	38,301	3,214	2,545	3,163	3,320	3,340	3,770	3,281	3,181	3,069	3,178	2,776	3,464	
Clarke	106,904	104,404	7,819	7,322	8,191	8,909	9,151	9,330	9,276	8,918	8,765	8,992	7,998	9,733	
Clay	30,626	31,903	2,444	2,356	2,402	2,556	2,804	2,938	2,949	2,945	2,532	2,657	2,636	2,684	
Cleburne	24,013	26,903	1,806	1,895	2,228	2,061	2,367	2,593	2,342	2,677	2,315	2,353	2,066	2,200	
Coffee	207,873	210,049	15,022	15,792	17,735	17,507	19,943	17,230	18,491	18,077	18,010	16,728	16,675	18,839	
Colbert	265,879	293,337	19,885	20,536	22,116	25,991	25,160	26,034	25,614	25,890	25,793	24,419	24,119	26,670	
Conecuh	33,825	32,280	2,842	2,310	2,917	2,958	2,799	2,718	2,771	2,804	2,566	2,565	2,460	2,570	
Coosa	10,108	12,681	685	795	1,004	1,033	1,307	1,141	1,286	1,032	1,088	1,271	1,029	1,010	
Covington	141,098	142,347	10,217	10,165	11,919	12,706	12,421	12,044	12,574	12,008	12,287	12,202	10,771	13,033	
Crenshaw	38,643	40,237	3,371	3,059	3,392	3,045	2,926	3,764	3,505	3,857	3,388	3,224	3,129	3,577	
Culman	266,551	268,930	19,029	19,677	22,342	23,983	23,851	23,860	23,720	24,048	20,847	22,426	20,984	24,163	
Dale	118,237	120,122	8,854	8,657	10,459	10,527	10,432	10,607	10,359	10,570	9,420	9,980	9,567	10,690	
Dallas	211,690	218,589	15,384	15,210	17,661	19,273	19,182	19,004	18,941	19,353	18,140	18,338	17,735	20,368	
DeKalb	200,558	215,353	15,311	13,570	16,461	21,125	18,734	19,239	19,309	19,017	17,707	18,230	17,454	19,196	
Elmore	110,904	111,589	7,851	8,218	9,314	9,616	9,580	9,955	10,269	9,726	9,203	9,399	8,363	10,995	
Escambia	140,786	136,116	9,682	10,194	11,330	11,703	11,822	11,977	11,841	11,933	11,297	11,174	10,750	12,413	
Etowah	497,225	523,144	36,745	36,165	42,851	44,438	44,008	45,128	46,678	45,274	43,283	44,891	42,330	51,353	
Fayette	69,143	66,566	5,235	5,471	5,204	5,701	5,264	5,589	5,450	5,550	5,964	4,955	5,342	6,841	
Franklin	101,756	108,479	7,631	7,560	8,377	9,305	9,584	9,665	9,266	9,555	9,321	9,196	8,709	10,310	
Geneva	141,556	131,065	10,579	10,402	11,337	11,431	11,152	11,715	11,232	11,127	11,124	9,960	10,192	10,814	
Greene	18,569	18,616	1,353	1,405	1,617	1,756	1,750	1,615	1,634	1,750	1,582	1,357	1,409	1,388	
Hale	32,720	30,277	2,315	2,394	2,484	2,712	2,653	2,851	2,790	2,833	2,524	2,193	2,161	2,427	
Henry	38,200	41,170	2,957	2,911	3,531	3,818	3,549	3,433	3,439	3,911	3,470	3,587	2,975	3,609	
Houston	568,657	572,223	40,813	41,376	47,270	49,901	48,350	49,743	50,547	49,467	47,606	46,653	44,613	55,884	
Jackson	156,051	164,889	11,699	11,301	14,155	14,628	15,003	14,333	14,632	14,454	13,366	13,800	12,587	14,931	
Jefferson	4,759,044	4,824,912	346,505	348,694	397,753	407,466	406,218	413,206	415,152	427,899	408,699	391,421	394,160	467,739	
Lamar	38,627	37,094	2,739	2,547	2,854	3,164	3,176	3,101	3,555	3,204	3,188	3,586	2,912	3,068	
Lauderdale	419,683	424,332	29,679	29,681	34,356	36,253	36,121	34,947	36,276	36,664	33,824	34,647	35,130	46,754	
Lawrence	61,902	65,099	4,574	4,308	5,040	5,415	5,801	5,445	5,501	5,590	5,041	5,869	5,612	6,903	
Lee	389,424	402,094	28,440	27,149	32,638	34,630	33,903	34,477	34,288	33,849	36,108	34,814	33,668	38,130	
Limestone	186,763	195,502	14,028	13,194	16,600	16,857	16,937	17,124	17,312	17,816	16,112	16,166	15,237	18,119	
Lowndes	22,836	21,618	1,628	1,550	1,784	1,811	1,915	1,996	1,826	1,969	1,881	1,527	1,580	2,151	
Macon	49,138	53,064	4,275	3,733	4,560	4,757	4,652	4,708	4,590	5,013	4,707	4,019	3,623	4,427	
Madison	1,242,238	1,301,683	91,910	91,013	106,693	111,970	111,742	111,236	111,761	113,602	110,873	109,322	106,261	125,300	
Marengo	78,482	80,394	6,351	5,718	7,063	7,053	6,665	6,736	6,913	6,888	6,360	7,069	5,939	7,639	
Marion	109,604	110,470	8,795	7,628	9,313	9,313	9,569	9,414	9,309	9,182	9,119	9,392	9,069	10,367	
Marshall	413,348	426,754	28,156	29,623	36,021	37,447	37,793	36,974	37,073	37,692	35,504	36,064	35,364	39,043	
Mobile	1,914,922	1,906,043	142,672	135,909	156,416	171,416	162,389	166,595	165,787	159,349	155,727	163,758	151,967	174,058	
Monroe	76,622	73,473	5,255	5,339	6,048	6,007	6,309	6,302	6,723	6,467	6,063	5,866	5,958	7,136	
Montgomery	1,420,492	1,479,635	100,998	109,750	125,082	129,995	126,434	128,243	127,014	123,377	123,396	120,173	116,353	148,820	
Morgan	567,117	583,481	40,383	41,142	47,605	50,135	50,701	50,398	49,000	53,208	49,664	49,387	46,688	55,180	
Perry	24,819	23,685	1,812	1,862	2,071	2,214	1,989	1,946	2,157	1,981	2,030	1,878	1,722	2,023	
Pickens	44,711	42,183	2,900	3,259	3,640	3,746	3,701	3,786	3,995	3,687	3,411	3,495	2,959	3,604	
Pike	109,036	114,841	8,428	7,809	9,555	10,094	9,764	9,616	9,708	9,938	9,893	9,910	9,187	10,939	
Randolph	58,587	60,386	5,211	4,513</											

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